Statement

Category-wise number of teaching and non-teaching employees in KVS during 1998-99, 1999-2000 *and* 2000-2001

Sanctioned Posts

Sl. No.	Designation	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001
1.	Principal/Vice-Principal	1185	1165	1113
2.	Headmaster	457	468	483
3.	PGT	6184	6195	6132
4.	TGT	10719	10515	10068
5.	PRT	11092	11605	11234
6.	Other including Librarians	5109	5340	4853
7.	Office staff including Gr. 'D' employees	10048	10003	10231
	TOTAL:	44794	45291	44114

Privatisation of education system

†255. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some States in the country are considering to privatise the education system;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take some steps to check the same; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) There is no proposal to privatise the education system either by the Centre or State

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Governments. However, Government propose to increasingly involve private initiatives including non-governmental organisations/voluntary agencies in educational development as provided for in the National Policy on Education, 1986 (as modified in 1992).

Computer literacy and studies in school programme

256. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up a detailed programme called Computer Literacy and Studies in School (CLASS), to push computer literacy in a big way at the school level, across the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the role envisaged for States, the financial allocations made and the phased time-table fixed for implementation of the programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Yes, Sir. The Department of Secondary & Higher Education has launched a revised Computer Literacy & Studies in Schools (CLASS) in 2001-2002 to promote Computer Literacy in Schools in the country.

(b) Under the revised CLASS scheme, financial assistance is being provided to States/UTs. on the basis of the Computer Education Plans (CEPs) submitted by the States/UTs. Union Government would provide 75% of the financial assistance while the State Governments/UTs would have to contribute a minimum of 25% of the funds. The CLASS scheme also provides for contribution of 25% of funds, from the MPLADS, in addition or as an alternative, to State Government contribution.

Besides, KVS and NVS would convert one school per State/UT into a SMART school for which a grant of not more than Rs. 25 Lakhs would be given per SMART school.

Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas would also be given funds at the rate of Rs. 15,000/- per neighbourhood school to impart computer literacy to 10 neighbourhood schools to cover 10,000 such schools over a period of three years.